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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Next Round

THE United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Hammarskjöld, does not appear to have achieved his primary objective—the release of the eleven imprisoned American airmen. This feeling seems to be supported by the United Nations spokesman who emphasized that Mr. Hammarskjöld had made “progress towards the goal set for him by the General Assembly.” The spokesman added further that he was asked to seek by the means most appropriate in his judgment continuing and unremitting efforts for the release of the men. Few expected Mr. Hammarskjöld would have immediate success. But the fact that the Secretary-General had established a basis on which to work tends to rule out the immediate solution to the problem. However, the joint communiqué issued by the Chinese Government and Mr. Hammarskjöld imply that the conversations were productive to an extent and that there was hope for better all round understanding in the future. The last communiqué spoke of continuing the contact already established at the meetings in Peking. Had Mr. Hammarskjöld been met with a blank refusal to his main business he would never have consented to the wording of that message.

IT appears highly probable that China has made certain conditions and it is now necessary for Mr. Hammarskjöld to discuss them with the members of the General Assembly and more particularly with the United States delegation. One can only speculate over the conditions and if, as it seems likely, China has insisted on discussion on her admission to the United Nations as part of the price of freeing the airmen, then the United States administration will find itself in a quandary. But it is unlikely to consider such a deal. Throughout the entire negotiations China has been on the box seat with the whip and reins in hand and it is ironical that the highest officer of an international body which is closed to it is asked to make contacts. The Chinese, having won the preliminary sparring and the first round, now appear to be embarking on a slugging match with the introduction of new tactics.

ACCORDING to the New China News Agency eight students who have returned to China from America have signed a letter of protest claiming that a large number of students were being detained in the United States against their will. The letter demands that America stop its unjustifiable tactics and return the students to their homeland. As the protesting students returned to China some six months ago and this is the first word from them—following immediately after the departure of Mr. Hammarskjöld—round two, a propaganda campaign to justify Peking's attitude, seems to have been launched at what could be a key moment. On the other hand it might be a counter to the “blockade China” call of certain American politicians who are under the delusion that such an act would force the release of the airmen. It must be regretted that human beings are the pawns in this political game, but despite all this, and the United States attitude towards China and the exclusion of the latter from the United Nations, a way must be found to break the stalemate.

FIGHTER SHOOTS UP PALACE

More Strafing Attacks In Costa Rica VENEZUELA CHARGED

Washington, Jan. 13. A P-47 Thunderbolt fighter has strafed the palace of President Figueres of Costa Rica and has shot up the city's main shopping area with 50 calibre machine gun bullets.

The Costa Rican embassy in Washington said in a communiqué the aerial bombardment of wide areas of the country was developing in intensity.

Other developments were:

- Loyal forces have recaptured Villa Quesada from the insurgents, the Government Radio Voz de la Victoria of Costa Rica asserted tonight in its 1700 GMT bulletin. The radio station said that the “invaders” had left in an unknown direction.
- The Ambassador of Venezuela, Cesar Gonzalez, denied today that Venezuelan planes were involved in any way in the current situation in Costa Rica.
- Costa Rica ordered nationwide emergency air raid precautions tonight after charging that invading aircraft from Nicaragua had strafed 10 towns in preparation for a ground attack on the capital.

The Embassy communiqué also reported that an aircraft had attempted to drop two bombs on a railway and road bridge at Turrialba, 40 miles to the east of San Jose, in an unsuccessful attempt to cut highway and rail communications to the Atlantic coast.

According to the communiqué, the bombs fell wide exploding harmlessly on a cotton plantation.

The communiqué said reports were coming in of similar bombing and strafing attacks on other points in Costa Rica.

President Challenged To Fight Duel

Managua, Nicaragua, Jan. 12.

President Anastasio Somoza tonight challenged President Jose Figueres of Costa Rica to meet him at the Nicaraguan-Costa Rican frontier with revolvers to settle the dispute between their two countries.

President Somoza called President Figueres a “damn liar” for charging that Nicaragua was behind the “uprising” against the Costa Rican government.

“If he has so much personal hate for me, let's put it on a man to man basis,” said Somoza. “There is no reason for bloodshed between our two countries. If he hates me, as was evident when he tried to assassinate me, then why not settle it this way?”

President Somoza was interviewed in his office in the Presidential Palace. He said President Figueres' broadcast today, blaming Nicaragua and Venezuela for what Costa Rica has termed an invasion was “the worst thing I've ever heard.”

“Nobody ever called me what that man called me,” said President Somoza. “The least was that I had a family of gangsters.” The President said he planned no reply to Somoza's charges. “Why should I?” he said. “I won't go that low.”—United Press.

Costa Rica claimed that at least two of the aircraft taking part in these attacks had Venezuelan markings and had flown into Costa Rica from the general direction of Nicaragua.

“Indignant at a rebel radio broadcasting from the captured town of Villa Quesada and inciting them to revolt.”

The broadcast heard here from Costa Rica's loyal “Voice of Victory” radio in San Jose, said the Government was mustering a force of five thousand, mostly volunteers, which it would send into the field to check the insurgents.

The Voice of Victory broadcast said casualties in fighting and air attacks were not known. Nor had the name of the insurgents' leader yet been announced.

Later this morning, another of Costa Rica's main towns, Liberia, reported that it was under attack from at least one strafing aircraft.

Later a Costa Rican spokesman here said that official reports from San Jose disclosed that Venezuelan planes, proceeding from Nicaragua this morning, flew over and attacked the towns of Turrialba, Cartago, Liberia, Juan Venas, Tres Rios, Canas as well as San Jose.

“All of these are open cities,” he added. P-51's, Mustangs and AT-65, both fighters, carried out these operations.

“Subsequent information received that Venezuelan planes flew over the Panama Canal Zone and the Republic of Panama in the direction of Costa Rica, probably in co-operation with the invading movement.”

“The invading forces are estimated to number 800 men, concentrated in the northern part of the country. Costa Rican volunteer forces have joined battle with the invaders at Villa Quesada. Thousands of volunteers are asking for arms with which to defend the country.”

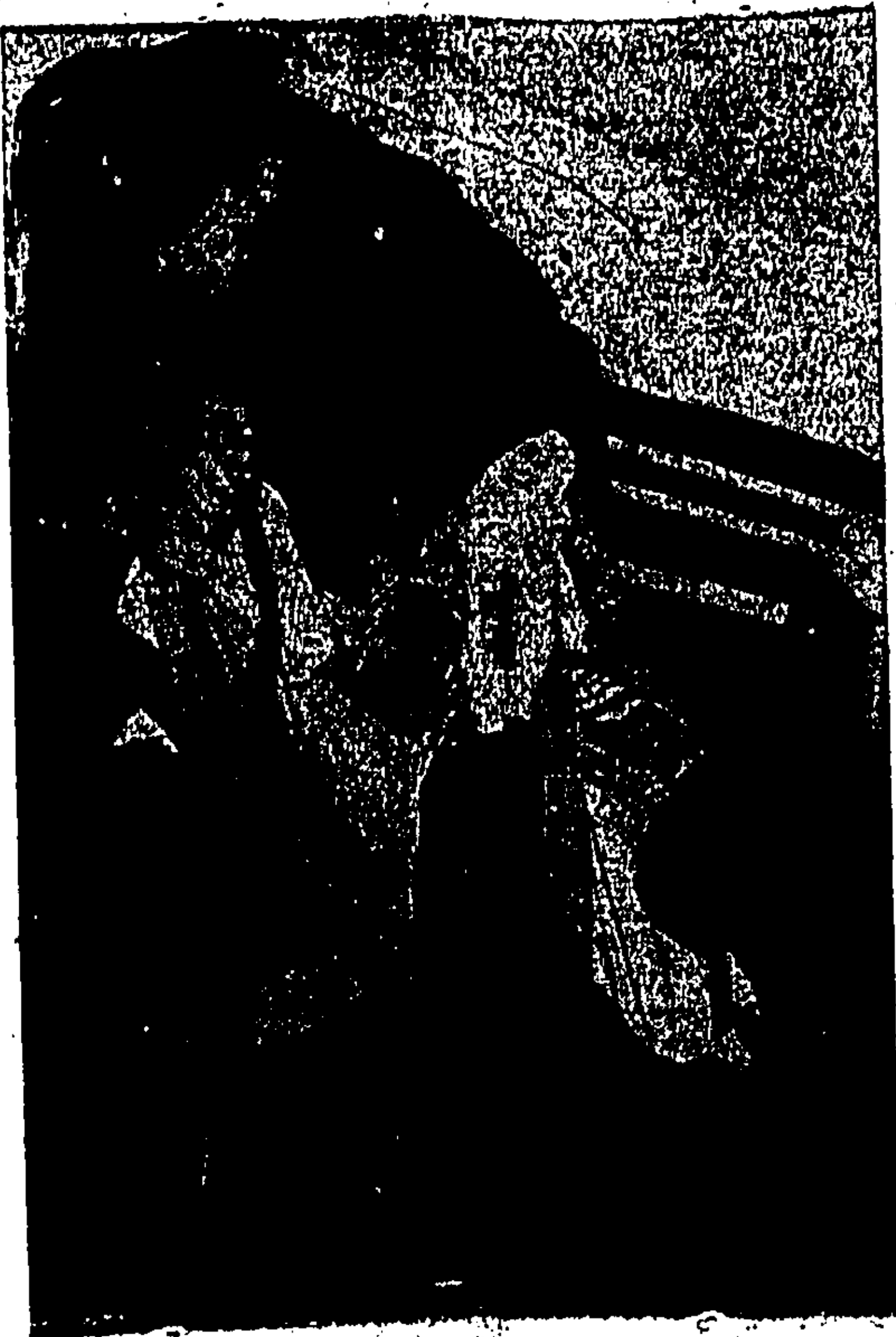
The spokesman said “unambiguous operations are reported at the Pacific coast ports of Murelago and Puerto Soley, a few miles from the Nicaraguan border.”—Reuter.

ONE SHOT DOWN Costa Rica yesterday succeeded in getting the 21-nation council of the Organization of American States to send an investigating commission to the border with Nicaragua to investigate its charges that invading forces were crossing from that area.

The Costa Rican spokesman said that at least one of the strafing Thunderbolts had been shot down near San Jose when it ran into a curtain of heavy small arms fire.

The spokesman claimed that the people of Costa Rica were rallying to the Government and

Riot Victim To See Specialist



Renos Poyoukas, a 19-year-old student who was shot when British troops opened fire during anti-British riots in Cyprus, arrived in London today. He is to be seen by Mr. Norman Dalt, Professor of Neuro-surgery at Edinburgh University. The boy was paralysed by a bullet which entered his spine during the recent riots. The Cyprus Government is paying for the journey and the treatment.—London Express Photo.

French-Italian Call To Reduce Tension

Rome, Jan. 12. Italy and France called on their Western allies tonight to take the initiative in bringing about a lessening of international tension.

A joint communiqué issued after two days of conference between the French Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France, and the Italian Premier, Mario Scelba, and Foreign Minister, Gaetano Martino, said: “Progress already made in Western organization should, in our opinion, constitute the starting point of a movement by the Allied countries capable of favouring a lessening of international tension and a peaceful co-operation among all peoples.”

WANTS BIG 4 TALKS M. Mendes-France wants the West to call now for a Big Four conference with Russia. The Italian opinion has been that no conference should be summoned before ratification of the accords rearming Germany and creating a Western European Union.

Jimmy Swaine Returning To Become A Policeman

London, Jan. 12. Nineteen-year-old Jimmy Swaine, who hitch-hiked 12,000 miles to join the Royal Navy and was turned down, sailed out of River Mersey tonight for his home, Hong-kong—to become a Policeman.



JIMMY SWAINE

“He sailed as a deckhand on a cargo ship. “I'm terribly disappointed at not being allowed into the Navy after coming all this way,” he said before leaving.

Jimmy was turned down by the Navy because of a colour vision defect after being pressed into a Medical Board in Hong-kong. Because of his disappointment Mrs. Bessie Braddock M.P. for Liverpool Exchange division said she would ask the Admiralty to ensure that medical examinations at stations abroad are brought into line with those in Britain.

On the quayside at Birkenhead Jimmy said “there's nothing seriously wrong with my sight and I'm going back home to the hope that I'll be accepted as a Policeman.”

ALLEGED ‘CALL GIRL’ RACKETEER IS SENT FOR TRIAL

London, Jan. 12. Albums filled with photographs of beautiful women were produced in court today as evidence against Mark Langtry, 27, accused of running a big “call girl” racket in London.

The prosecution alleged that Langtry, good looking and dapper, showed the albums to men clients who came to his West End office and invited them to choose the girl he wanted. He then fixed appointments.

Charged with living in part on the earnings of prostitution, he was committed for trial to the Central Criminal Court.

IF YOU ARE LONELY According to the prosecution Langtry paid for printed cards to be displayed in shop windows in many parts of the city. These gave his telephone number and said: “If you are lonely in London ring Gerard...”

At today's preliminary hearing before magistrates, Police Inspector Charles Jacob of Scotland Yard's Vice Squad testified that he visited Langtry's office in the guise of a client.

Langtry told him “We have on our books over 200 girls, some young, some very young. But they are all very lovely. Some are amorous while others are even more amorous.”

LOVELY GIRLS Producing an album he went on: “Here I have photos of some very lovely girls.” Turning the pages he said: “Take your choice. This is Cynthia, who has a beautiful private flat and a private fortune. She is real fireworks. Indeed she is one of my star performers.”

CHOSE A BLONDE Inspector Jacob chose a blonde girl. Langtry said: “You are not a bad judge. She is a German.” He dialled a telephone number and said: “This is Mark. I want you to receive a client at 3 p.m. You will be there and ready for him.”

Inspector Jacobs said he visited the girl named Ingrid—at a flat in the fashionable Knightsbridge area of London. She took him into a bed-sitting room, discarded her house coat and asked for “a present” of four guineas.

The inspector refused to pay and left the flat. Later Langtry fled, an appointment for him with a girl named Marilyn.

BAT ON FLOOR When he went to her flat she put the gramophone on, sat on the floor and began to undress. “Marilyn” also asked for “a present” but the inspector pretended to have lost his wallet and left her.

Langtry charged his clients a guinea for introduction. Superintendent Charles Steer, also of the vice squad, testified that in Langtry's office he found three letters signed “Hilda,” “Sybil” and “Joan,” all containing banknotes.

Between the leaves of a blotter were ten obscene photographs.

107 NUMBERS Also found in the office were 110. One gave the names, height, colour of hair and telephone number of 107 girls.

US Destroyer Fires On Red Fighters

Taipei, Jan. 13. An American destroyer fired on Chinese Communist planes in the early morning on January 11 near Nationalist-held Nanchi Island, 80 miles south of the south Chekiang coast, Chinese correspondents returning from Tachen said today.

The report has not been officially confirmed. The Chinese correspondents said the American firing occurred when Communist planes were chasing after a Nationalist LST on which they were travelling and a Nationalist destroyer-escort which was escorting the LST.

They said the Communist planes made a total of seven passes but made no attempt to bomb or strafe the Nationalist vessels.

But anti-aircraft guns aboard the Nationalist destroyer-escort opened fire. Simultaneously, the correspondents said, an American destroyer patrolling at the northern end of the Formosa Straits in the vicinity of the Nationalist vessels also opened fire on the Communist planes, which later turned back.

Chinese Communist planes had recently extended their patrolling area south of Tachen to the Chekiang-Taiwan border, about 100 miles northward from Formosa, the correspondents said.—Reuter.

Cold Spell Has Broken

The cold spell has definitely broken according to the Royal Observatory this morning. At 11 a.m. today the thermometer there registered 59.3 degrees F, while the lowest temperature yesterday was 51.3 degrees F, as compared with 37.8 the day before.

There was no relenting of the weather up Talmeshan, however. Prof. S. G. Davis, of the Hongkong University, and Mr. W. M. Keay, Superintendent of Mines of the Labour Department, found icicles five feet long in a waterfall about 1,750 feet above sea level this morning.

On the south-east slope of Talmeshan, facing Lam Chung Valley, the waterfall has a drop of about 90 feet. It can be seen from Route No. 1 through Taiipo and Sak Kong on the other side of TWISK. The temperature there yesterday at 7 a.m. was recorded between 20-27 degrees F.

Prof. Davis and Mr. Keay were at Talmeshan for the best part of the day prospecting the area.

More Snow Falls In Britain

London, Jan. 12. Snow fell over most of northern England and Scotland today and was moving south after the coldest night Britain has had for ten months.

Twelve degrees of frost were recorded in most parts of the country during the night and today the temperature was around freezing point.

At John Brown's shipyard at Clydebank, Scotland, several hundred men walked out of engine and boiler workshops because they said it was too cold to work.

LONDON FOGGY

Fog added to the difficulties of travel, and incoming airlines circled over London airport for up to half an hour waiting their turn to land. Hundreds of passengers on their way to the Continent had to wait until airlines had been “de-fogged.”

Snow-covered Londonderry, Northern Ireland, ran out of coal and about 9,000 homes were without heat. A cargo of coal was due from England later today.—China Mail Special.

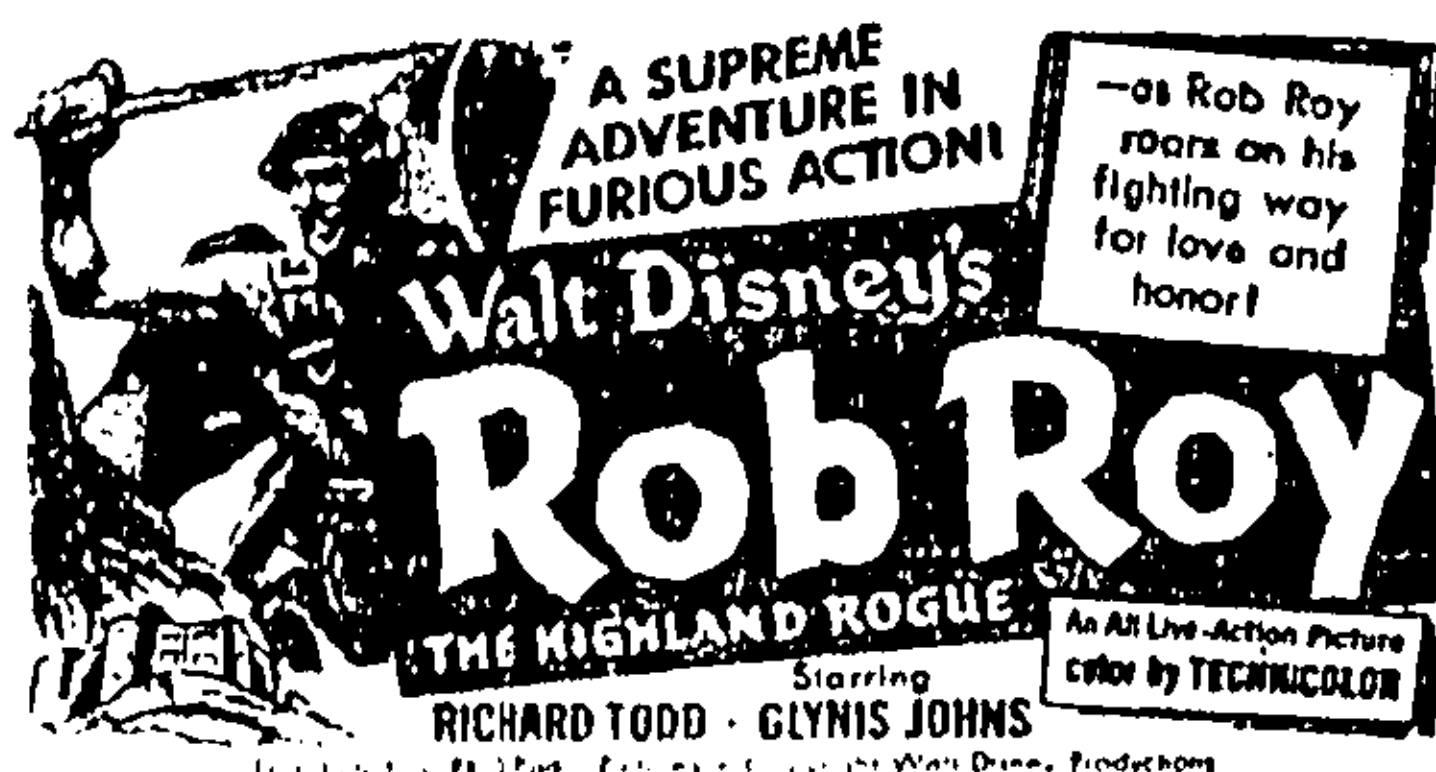
Susanto, California, Jan. 12. Actor Robert Mitchum was fired today from the picture “Bloody Alley” for dunking a 250-lb. co-worker in the icy waters of San Francisco Bay.

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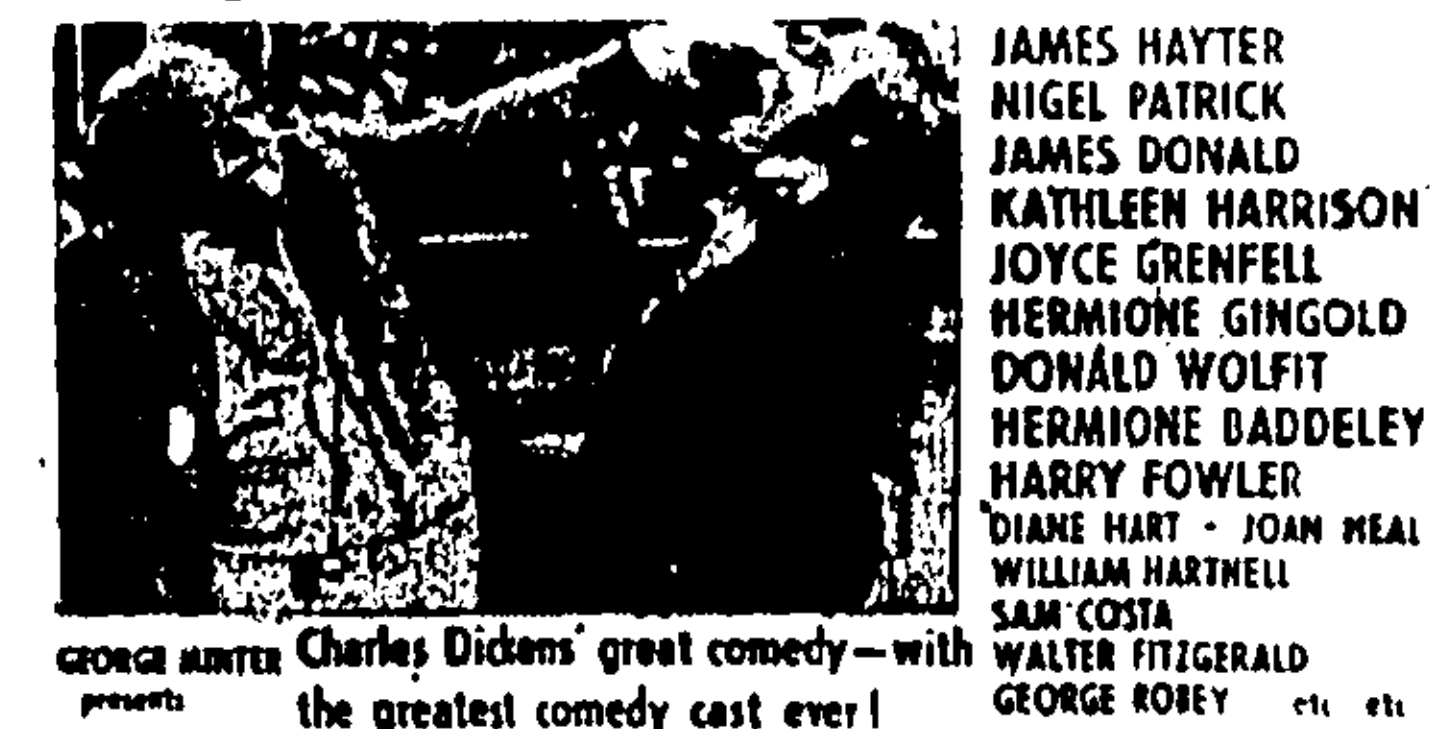
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GORILLA AT LARGE



HAMMARSKJOLD TO

SEE LODGE

China's Counter
Proposals To
Be Discussed

New York, Jan. 12.

Mr Dag Hammarskjold, United Nations Secretary-General, expected back here late tomorrow afternoon from his mission to Peking, will immediately inform Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, the United States delegate, of counter proposals believed to have been made by China on the 11 gaoled American airmen.

It is understood that Mr Hammarskjold will also see Sir Pierson Dixon, the British permanent representative and probably other delegates.

He is expected to brief them fully on the talks he had with the Chinese Prime Minister, Mr Chou En-lai, during which as the final communique said: "Reference was made at the same time to questions pertinent to the relaxation of world tension."

He was authorized by the United Nations General Assembly to seek the release of the 11 airmen, imprisoned as spies, and that of other United Nations prisoners in Communist hands.

EXECUTIVES FLY TO MEET HIM

Mr Andrew Cordier, the Secretary-General's top executive assistant, and Mr Wilfred Footes, head of the United Nations Press Bureau, flew to San Francisco overnight to meet Mr Hammarskjold there.

They will fly back to New York with him and will probably discuss when and how Mr Hammarskjold will make public the results of his mission.

He is due to report first to the 60 member nations. The meeting with Mr Lodge has been arranged on the initiative of the United Nations and has strengthened the belief that the Chinese have made a proposition to which only the United States Government can reply.

It may concern a possible exchange of the prisoners with the Chinese students awaiting exit visas after completing their studies in science and medicine at American universities.

The United States has hinted in the past that it might be prepared to change its attitude on the granting of exit visas to the students if the imprisoned airmen were freed.

In the last two days, Peking has revived its demands for the release of the students.

OTHER DEMANDS?

Mr Chou En-lai may have made other demands and almost certainly brought up with Mr Hammarskjold the question of non-recognition of China by the United Nations.

The case of the airmen is a great emotional issue in the United States, and there will be considerable pressure on Mr Hammarskjold to make an early public disclosure of what went on in Peking and whether the men's early release can be expected.

He may hold a Press conference at U.N. Headquarters after he has seen Mr Lodge, Sir Pierson Dixon and other delegates.

The State Department said today it had received no report from any source to indicate the outcome of the Peking negotiations.

Lover's Indifference
To Wife Criticised
At Murder Trial

Perpignan, Jan. 12.

Marguerite Marty criticised her "girl-mad" lover's indifference to his wife, when the lumpily-built peasant woman's poison murder trial began here today.

Mme Marty is accused of giving a lethal dose of gardenal to the wife, her cousin, Jeanne Candela, in March, 1953.

Mme Marty said that "the first time Jeanne Candela was ill," she informed her lover, Eloy Gomez Candela (also known as Elogio and Lucien) at eight o'clock in the morning, but he did not arrive till six in the evening.

She protested her innocence and said the matter had been a case of poisoning of the heart by friendly people.

GREAT ATTENTION
Earlier in the trial, which has attracted great attention throughout France—6,000 asked for seats to watch—Candela had several times

been referred to as a "girl-chaser", but, sitting quietly in the court, occasionally smiling, he did not seem to be in the least embarrassed by the description.

Referring to the night when Mme Candela died in hospital, Mme Marty, who throughout the hearing was extremely self-possessed, declared that she never gave her cousin anything to drink. She also denied that she worried when the doctor refused a burial notice.

Questioned about the anonymous letters sent to the judicial authorities, which, the prosecution alleged, she should not have known about, she refused to reveal the sources of her information "for moral reasons."

Candela, a handsome, blue-eyed Spaniard, told the court that his mistress once said to him, "If your wife were dead, would you marry me?"

The defence attorney asked, "And what did you answer?" Candela said, "I told her that I would not marry her."

Mme Marty later said that Candela was "lying" when he made this statement to the court.

"GIVE ME TROUBLES"

The Presiding Judge asked Candela, "What did you think when you were told your wife was dead?"

Candela said, "That that was going to give me troubles. There were rumours going around. There were already suspicions. People talked about me!"—France-Press.

TO THEIR HORROR

They turned their heads and saw to their horror a kind of mummy draped in what appeared to be a long white sheet. The apparition was emitting fearful noises.

They had never seen a ghost but this answered to their idea of the thing. One collapsed on the spot in a dead faint while the other made for the door and disappeared hurriedly out of the house. When the businessman came back home, he found the burglar still lying on the floor with, beside him, the "ghost" who had also fainted. It was a withered old lady in night shirt who was on a visit to the businessman's house without the burglar knowing it.—France-Press.

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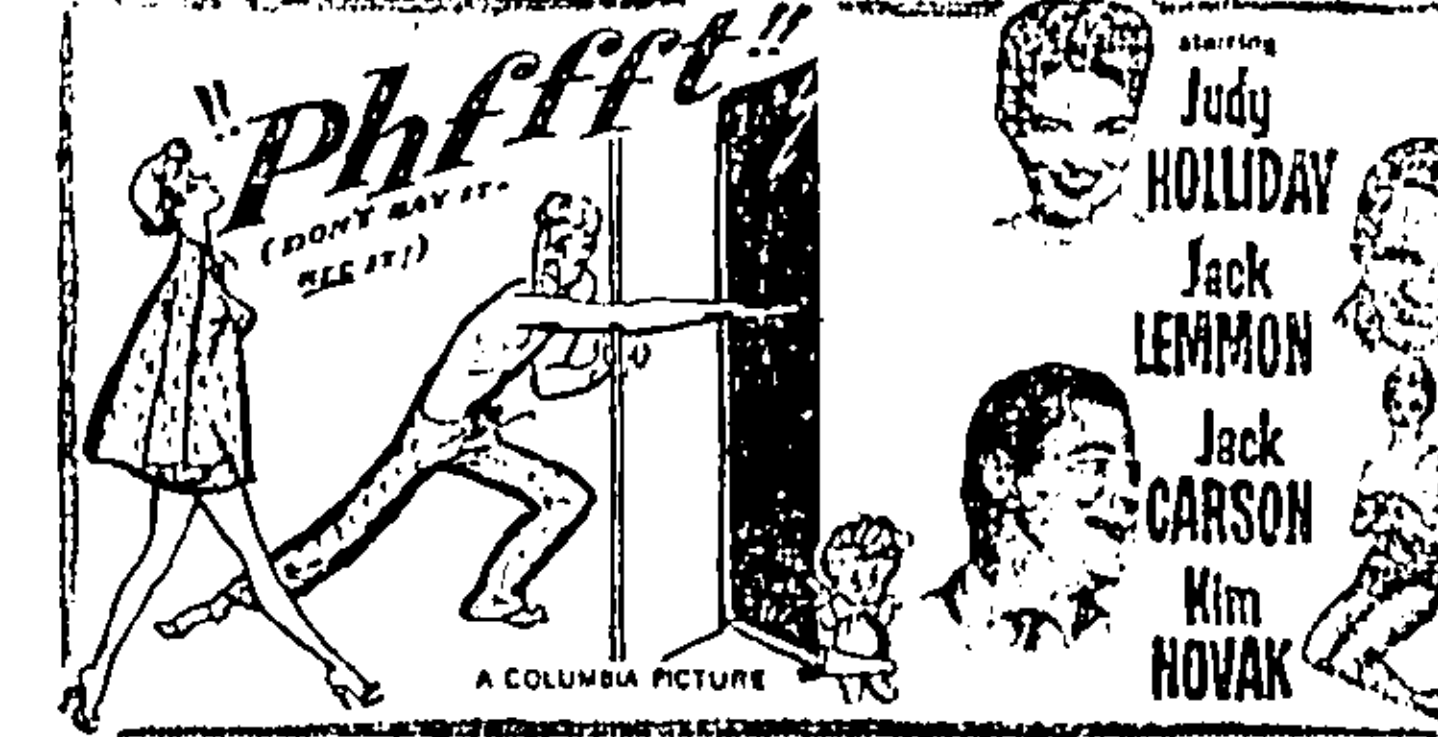
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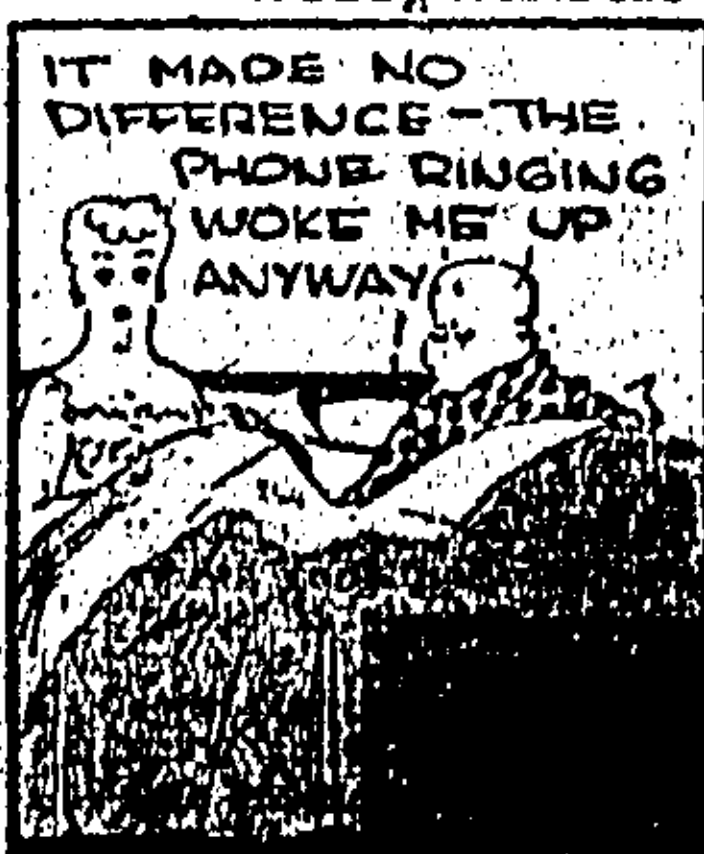
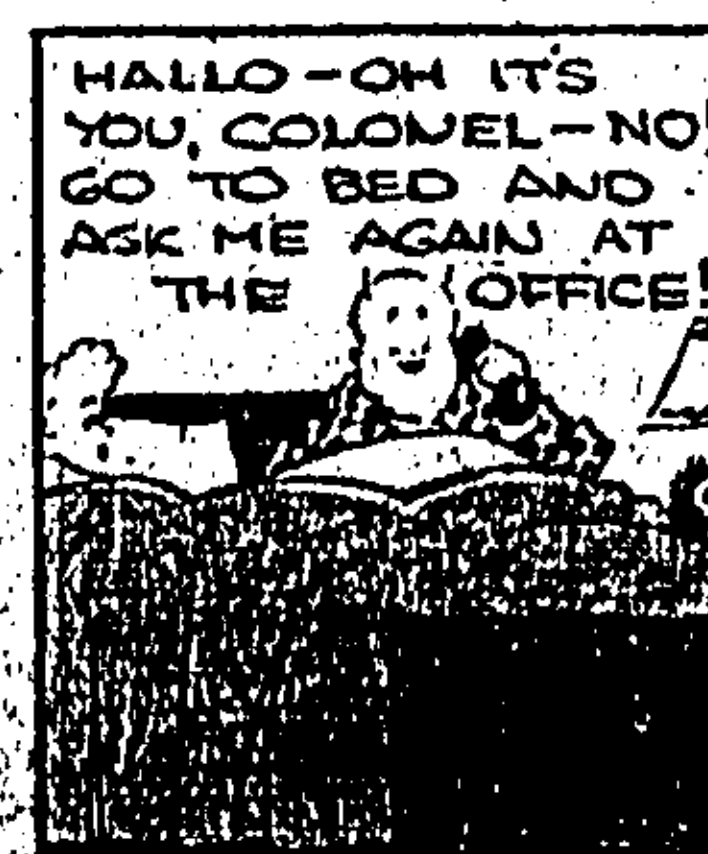
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ATTLEE'S WARNING

Mr. Pickwick goes over to the Reds



Western Powers And Communists Must Face Realities

CHOICE BETWEEN PEACE & WORLD DESTRUCTION

Berlin, Jan. 12.

British Labour Party leader, Mr Clement Attlee, warned tonight the Western Powers and Communism must agree to differ, and face the "stark choice between peace and the destruction of civilisation."

In a memorial lecture to the late Mr Ernst Reuter at West Berlin's Free University, Mr Attlee said Soviet Russia would have to abandon any imperialist ambitions and hopes of achieving world Communism by hot or cold war if she wished to live in peace with the West.

"We face a new world, a world where the aeroplane has made defensive frontiers obsolete, a world where the invention of the hydrogen bomb has transformed all former conceptions of warfare, a world which faces the stark choice between peace and the destruction of civilisation," he said.

"As systems, tyranny and freedom cannot be reconciled. Nor can their differences be resolved by conquest. There remains co-existence and agreement to differ," he said.

"History shows that this is not impossible. In time, the Communists will have to accept the co-existence of capitalist and mixed economies and of free democracies along with their imperialist states," Mr Attlee said.

A WARNING

He warned that Communism was advancing in Asia.

"It is here that the struggle of freedom against tyranny will be fought out. It is for us who believe in democracy to show not only that we offer to the individual freedom of the spirit, but that we can also provide for the material needs of all peoples," he concluded.—United Press.

Jews' Trial Verdicts To Be Announced By Nasser

Cairo, Jan. 12.

A five-man high Military Court today completed its deliberations and decided on verdicts and sentences for 10 Jews whose trial on charges of espionage and sabotage on behalf of Israel ended here last week.

The court's conclusion was a closely guarded secret until the completion of a full report and the grounds on which the judgments are based. The report will be submitted to Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser in his capacity as Military Governor-General for confirmation or modification of the judgments depending on the court's findings.

A member of the court said that the report will be completed within four days.

SIX OTHERS

The 10 defendants will be advised of the verdicts as soon as Premier Nasser has made his decision and then will be announced publicly by the Premier's office and not by the court.

Meanwhile, six other Jews accused of Communist activities and in custody since last October are still awaiting the official indictment which will put them on trial before a military court.

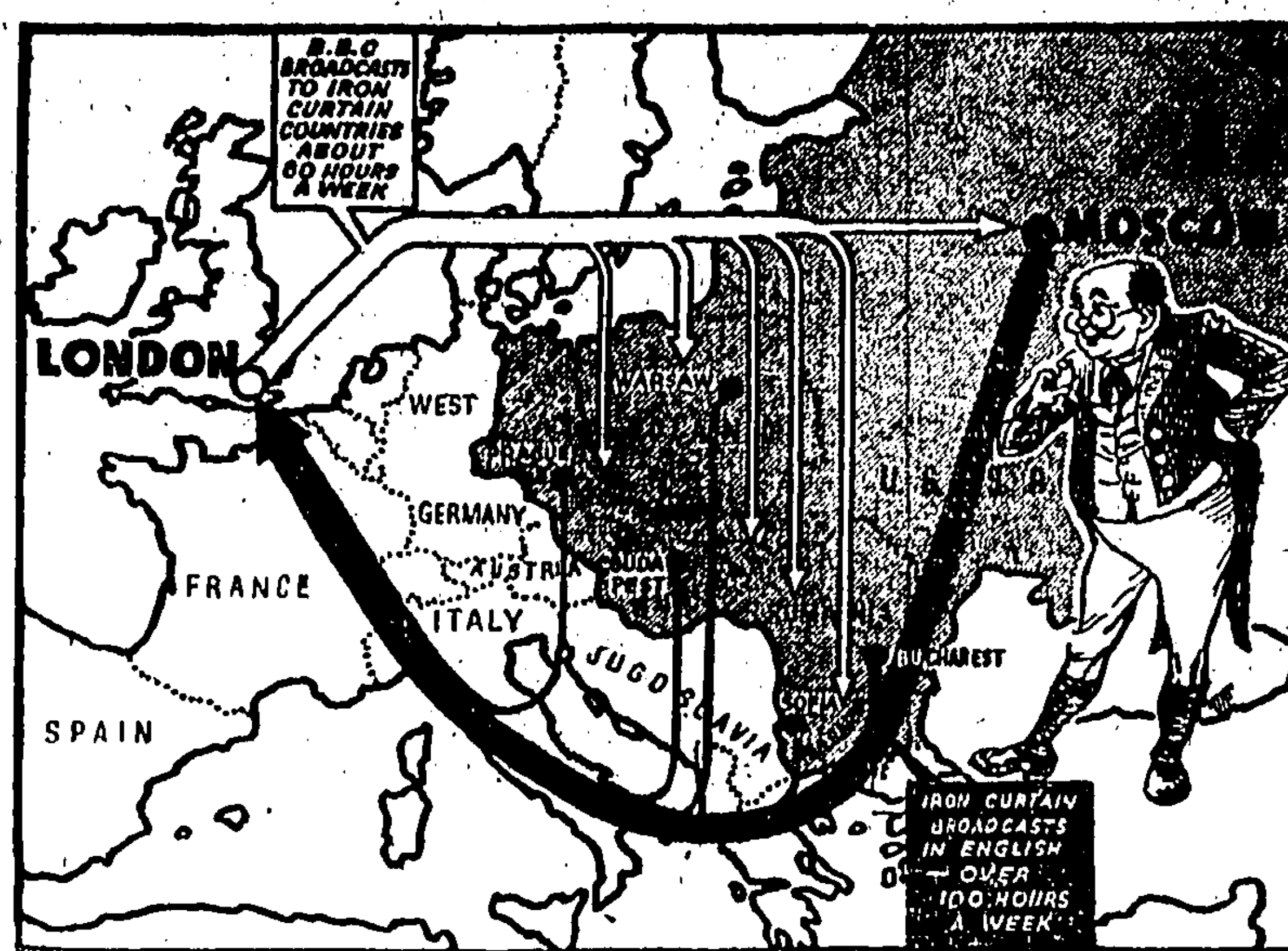
The State Security attorney, Mr Al Nureddin, who investigated the case, charged recently that the six Jews had links with Moscow through the French Communist Party and said that the trial would take place soon.—United Press.

Jap Buys Not Used For Smuggling

Brisbane, Jan. 12.

Queensland Customs officers said today that they had been unable to find evidence to back up theories that Japanese fishing marker buoys found on the Coast were being used to smuggle contraband ashore.

Customs officials described this buoy as unusual and said, "It is very puzzling what they have been used for." The buoys have been found along the Queensland northern coast in the past few weeks and have been identified by Japanese markings.



Nothing Sinister In Forthcoming Asia Conferences

Washington, Jan. 12.

Sir Roger Makins, the British Ambassador, said today there was no need for anxiety on either side of the "Iron or Bamboo Curtains" about the forthcoming conferences in Asia. There was nothing sinister in any of them.

He told the Association of American Colleges here that the conferences — of the Afro-Asian group, the Southeast Asian Defence Alliance and Colombo Plan nations — could make their contributions to better international understanding and world peace.

One of Asia's greatest needs was education to increase the local supply of experts, technicians and trained men that a progressive country demanded.

H.K. Conference EXCLUSION OF CHINA CRITICISED

London, Jan. 12.

The Peking People's Daily today condemned the exclusion of China from the six-day conference of the Trade Subcommittee of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) which ended in Hongkong today.

Quoted by the New China News Agency, the paper said the exclusion was not in keeping with the principles of the United Nations Charter nor with the aims of ECAFE.

"It has long been evident that it is impossible to solve vital international questions, and above all Asian and Far Eastern questions, without the participation of the People's Republic of China," it said.

"By excluding a representative of the People's Republic of China, the Trade Subcommittee inevitably puts itself in a difficult plight," it said.

Nixon's Campaigning Not Approved

Chicago, Jan. 12.

Mr Adlai Stevenson said today that he disagreed with President Eisenhower and did not approve of the "kind of campaigning" Nixon last autumn.

Mr Stevenson, whom Mr Eisenhower defeated in 1952, held a brief news conference as he opened an office to resume practising law.

The former Governor of Illinois was told that the President, at his news conference today, said he was sure Mr Nixon never had challenged the loyalty of the entire Democratic Party and that he admired Mr Nixon very much.

TAKE EVERYTHING, SAID THE ANIMAL TAMER

Paris, Jan. 12.

Paul Zaccchini, an animal tamer in Paris, was in debt up to his neck. So much so that one day the bailiff came to seize his property.

He had removed almost all the poor fellow's furniture when the latter told him, "You seem to want to take everything I own. But you are forgetting something. I shall get it for you."

The bailiff waited with curiosity while Zaccchini left the room. But he nearly faints when he saw he later reappear with a huge bear.

Zaccchini told him sarcastically, "Here you are. Why don't you take him?" The scared bailiff only thought of escaping. But the way to the door was barred by the animal. He made for the window—fortunately they were on the ground floor—and fled hurriedly to complain to the police.

The case came before the tribunal. "Why," the bailiff said indignantly, "the bear was not even muzzled."

"My bear is gentle and would do no harm to anybody," Zaccchini retorted. "He even obeys small girls," he added.

FISHERMEN SAY: H-Bomb Pay Off Not Sufficient

Tokyo, Jan. 12.

The Federation of Bonito and Tuna Fishing Associations today condemned the United States-Japan settlement of damages resulting from the Bikini H-bomb tests as unsatisfactory.

The Federation delivered a four-point proposal to the chief Cabinet Secretary, Mr Ryutaro Nemoto.

It said:

1. Assurances must be given against future danger from nuclear tests.
2. That the \$2,000,000 which the United States has agreed to pay Japan was unsatisfactory.
3. The Federation will file a suit against the Japanese Government if this money is not distributed properly.
4. The Government ought to aid poor fishing villages.

The United States and Japan signed a settlement on December 4, 1954, in which the United States agreed to compensate the Japanese for physical and property damages suffered by Japanese as a result of the Hydrogen-bomb tests.—United Press.

PRIEST RETURNED MISSING MONEY

Pamplona, Spain, Jan. 12.

A Catholic priest has returned to a local bank 20,000 pesetas (£200) given to him under the secrecy of the confessional.

The money was missed when the bank checked up on the day's balance a month previously. There had been no indication how the money came to be missing.—China Mail Special.

EMPIRE SHOWING TO-DAY

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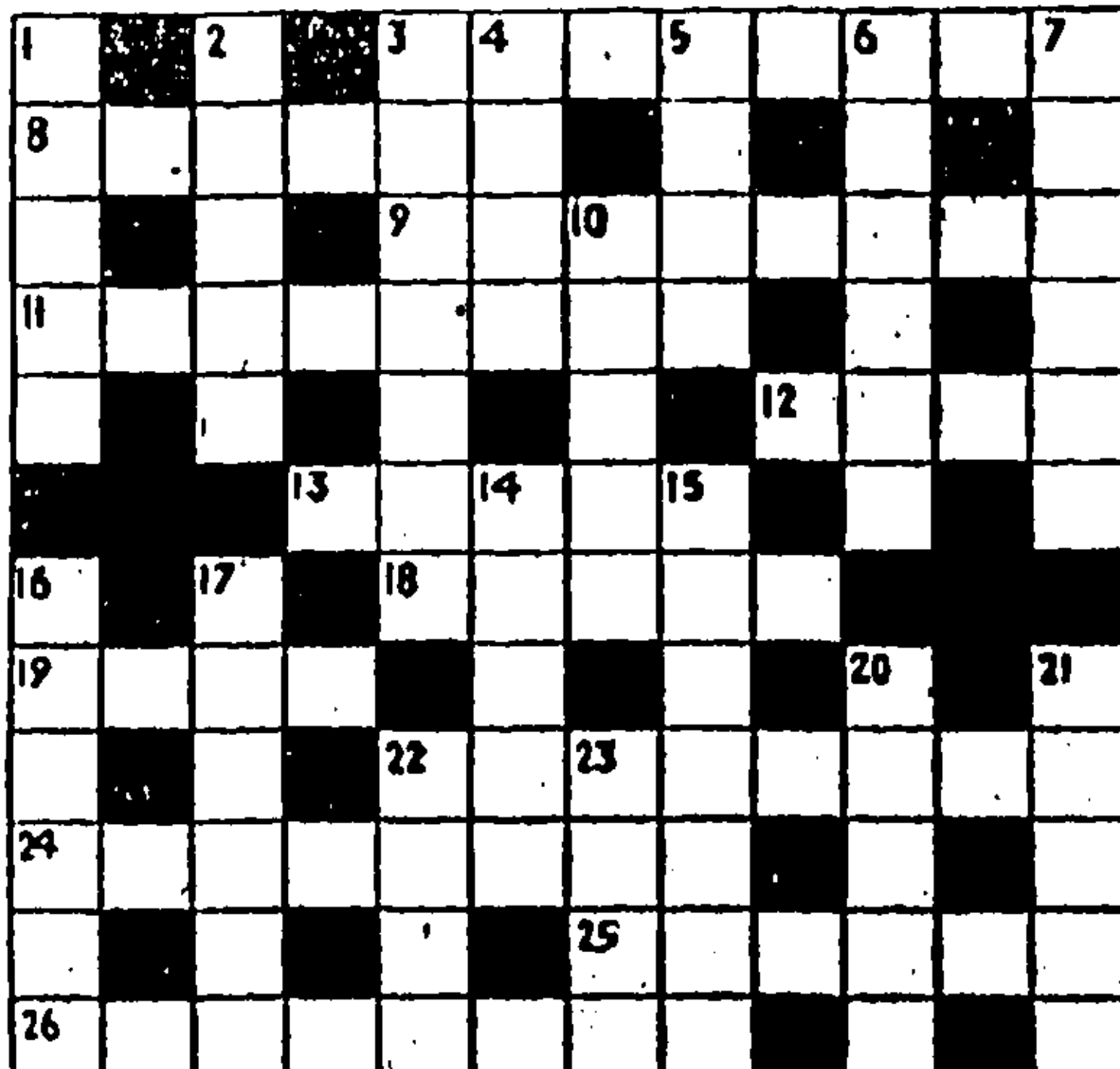
★ NEXT CHANGE ★

WHAT MADE HER AFRAID OF MEN?

IDA LUPINO "Jennifer" HOWARD DUFF

AN ALLIED ARTISTS PRODUCTION

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Acquired temporarily (8).
- 2 Value highly (6).
- 3 Gave ear (8).
- 4 Lively (6).
- 5 Grant (4).
- 6 Lukewarm (5).
- 7 Record of events (5).
- 8 Dregs (4).
- 9 Putting off (6).
- 10 Liberated (8).
- 11 Make effervescent (6).
- 12 Mixture (8).

DOWN

- 1 Carrying-chair (5).
- 2 Denude (6).
- 3 Behindhand (7).
- 4 Leave out (4).
- 5 Rodent (4).
- 6 Roam (6).
- 7 Elude (4).
- 8 Brown pigment (5).
- 9 Longs for (5).
- 10 Feared (7).
- 11 Clergyman (6).
- 12 Kind of parchment (6).
- 13 For smoking (5).
- 14 Monsters (6).
- 15 Lower few feet of room wall (4).
- 16 Spare (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Scrapped, 7 Robot, 8 Acquires, 10 Sedate, 13 Proceeds, 15 Sues, 17 Allment, 18 Gesticulate, 20 Idle, 21 Scrapes, 22 Tires, 23 Trepasse, 24 Knife, 25 Dressers, Down: 1 Grasp, 2 Abode, 3 Blate, 4 Agus, 5 Pursue, 6 Desist, 9 Cedars, 11 Erred, 12 Aquila, 14 Electa, 15 Smeary, 16 Ended, 18 Gilded, 19 Sleeve, 21 Blush, 22 Pander, 24 Sower, 25 Opus.

★ DON IDDON'S DIARY ★

AMERICANS CHANGE THEIR TUNE ABOUT BRITAIN

New York, Tuesday. "UTOPIA on the Rocks" — shocking story of what has happened to a once great nation," the big headline read, and I looked at the date, "August 17, 1949." I was doing a year-end clear-out of my files when I came across old newspaper and magazine cuttings.

"Utopia on the Rocks" was a series which ran for weeks. It was written by Pittsburgh editor E. T. Leech, and was published by the fairly friendly Scripps Howard chain of newspapers all over this country.

It was all about you and about Britain, just five and a half years ago.

The new batch which came in this week and which was clipped from American newspapers and magazines says: "Britain bounces back to good times. British boom. British prosperity. Jobs in abundance. Shops crammed with food and clothes. From bankruptcy to boom. Morale at an all-time high. The confident Islanders."

I don't think the new appraisal will surprise you as much as the old one shocked you. It certainly doesn't surprise me. If I may be forgiven for recalling that there was no faltering on my part at that time it is because I have received a cable from Manchester this week which reads: "You told them to see your article May 21, 1947 (Signed) Frederick Hampton, a well-wisher."

Love a winner

You will perhaps remember that you were finished, knocked out, ready for burial — at least that was the opinion of the correspondents, special writers, radio commentators, and editors covering Britain.

Another look

I THREW the Leech series into the wastepaper basket and glanced at some other old dispatches in American newspapers and magazines.

"Sagging coal production. Worsening dollar shortage. Crippled morale," and "Britain needs 10,000,000 less people. Abandonment of British world position. Liquidation of strategic commitments. Disaster, decay, death of hope."

I flung that lot also into the wastepaper basket and said to my secretary: "Let's replace all that stuff with this new batch."

I LOOKED up the article and read: "It's quite obvious that foreign correspondents stationed here (in London) told Britain short and grossly underestimated her strength, resilience, character, and creative genius when they said we were finished as a great Power. This battle may last five years, but it is quite certain that Britain will win it."

As it has turned out it has taken less than five years to win it, and only a little over five years for our friends to acknowledge it freely—and not only acknowledge it, but take pleasure in it.

Amateurs love a winner. They see one in Britain today.

The news is also good here. Most experts say that in 1955 the U.S. will be more prosperous than ever.

Personal incomes are to be greater, business better, production bigger, debt instalments smaller and perhaps even the cost of living is to be lower—although how the experts work that one out I don't know.

Anyway, there is not a hint of slump according to the forecasts, although the market has wobbled lately.

I have been touring the city this week as thoroughly as the

hugo crowds of Christmas shoppers, enormous queues, and jammed traffic would allow, and New York on the surface is Boom Town, U.S.

Table talk

IN the Chateau Richelieu Restaurant where I often lunch, one of the waiters—not the head waiter, but one of the waiters—said: "I'm pretty deep in the market now, but in good safe stocks, General Electric, United States Steel, with a little on the side in uranium mines as a gamble."

I showed interest and he confessed: "I've got about \$10,000 in the market—made \$3,000 this year."

Fifteen thousand dollars is over \$5,000 and \$3,000 is over \$1,000, so the waiter is doing well as long as the market is doing well.

I shall have to remember to cut down on his tip—he should be tipping me!

The financial writers agree that in the past three months hundreds of thousands of modest wage earners have invaded the stock market, some in margin but not on the scale of the roaring '20s.

Even so the Government is becoming worried—some officials are asking: "Is the stock market running wild?" and they may introduce restrictions to curb the big boom.

Names in Lights

WHAT a hit England's David Whitfield was on "Toast of the Town," America's most popular television show! He sang magnificently and practically stopped the show.

Poor Sophie Tucker, who was the headliner, was eclipsed although she tried bravely with her famous theme song "Some of These Days."

Eighteen months ago Whitfield was earning £14 a week as a construction cement carrier. He could command at least £1,000 a week here.

There is a wonderful new play on Broadway, "The Bad Seed," starring Nancy Kelly according to the billing, although nine-year-old Patty McCormack outshines everybody. "The Bad Seed" is the best and most literate thriller for many seasons.

After Maura Lympny's concert at the Carnegie Hall the other night New York music critics called her "the maestro of the piano."

Agatha Christie's "Witness for the Prosecution" has opened here, with tremendous advance sales. Here's one woman who has made crime pay.

See you Sir Osbert Sitwell has been ill his sister Edith put off her trip to Hollywood to advise on the production of the Anne Boleyn film.



"Christmas holidays are not what they used to be, Millie—seven days discussing nuclear fission instead of ailments."

London Express Service

AFRICA SEARCHLIGHT - - By RENE MacCOLL

THE BROWN BOOK IS ISSUED FREE

JOHANNESBURG. NINE-THIRTY in the morning. A Johannesburg magistrate's court. One or two bored-looking spectators, Negroes in one little public gallery, whites (Europeans as we say here) in the other.

A big room with lots of windows and dark wood panelling. First-order of business seems routine. Reminds me of getting rid of the drunk and disorderlies back home in Marlborough Street.

Up into the capacious dock in swift tempo there enter batches of three Negroes. They stand there for maybe 30 seconds, shepherded by a Negro gaur wearing khaki drill.

A Negro interpreter perches on a high stool ready with snatches of Zulu and other dialects as required. He wears a nifty sports jacket. So do many of the prisoners.

Their standard of dressing is on the whole good,

if not. One marked exception is a muscular youth who shambles in stripped to the waist.

The bespectacled magistrate is white. He is an Afrikaner with an attentive expression and—as I found later when he heard a more important case involving a white and a black—extremely fair.

Always guilty

EVERYONE seems to plead guilty and is fined a pound with the alternative of a fortnight in the cooler. Pretty nearly everyone seems to have the dough, pays up, and exits smartly.

Altogether some 30 men are disposed of in this quick-time curtain-raiser. Who are they?

Well, these pound-payers are all "pass cases," and in order to get the explanation let's go over to the third floor office in a brand new building occupied by Thurston Keller, acting manager of the Non-European

Affairs Department of Johannesburg.

Keller is an intelligent, sympathetic chap in his mid-thirties, who is only too keen to give us every help. Seems that back in 1952 South Africa's Parliament passed the Abolition of Passes and Co-ordination of Documents Act.

So sooner or later every South African Negro over 16 who wishes to hold a legitimate job will be carrying a little brown passport. In it: Photo, name of tribe, name of chief, identity number, tax payment receipt, employment record.

The point is he must have it on him at all times and it must always be immaculate. If he is stopped by the police and there is something wrong with the passport—trouble, ending up in the magistrate's courts.

Here in Johannesburg, Keller and his men started issuing the new passports (officially, "registration books") in July of last year and so far have handed out 281,000.

Soon the 300,000 mark will have been amply exceeded. And don't forget that all over the Union, down to village level, the same thing is going on.

Any dark man who wants to work in a white community

must have his little brown book. Or else.

Let's forget the race side of things for a moment, and heed Keller's explanation that "influx" is aimed primarily at balancing supply and demand in Johannesburg's booming labour market.

What the city authorities just don't want is a mass of unemployed Negroes hanging around the place.

Every Negro (they call them "Natives" down here) is screened after he gets his brown passport (issued free).

He's directed

HE is then authorized either to work within Johannesburg's city limits or, after he has been given a fair chance to find a job and failed, he is directed to some outlying district. However, Keller admits a mild reality that this "direction" outwards has its flaws. In one year 71,000 Negroes were "directed" to take jobs in outlying districts far from Johannesburg. Only 6,000 ever turned up.

Where have the other 65,000 got to? "Probably still around here somewhere," sighs Keller.

There's a strict curfew for Negroes here in Johannesburg—11 p.m. to 4 a.m.—and those

who have legitimately to be on the streets in those five hours need an extra permit.

Let me make it clear that the Non-European Affairs Department is not simply a set-up to regulate the movement of the Negroes—it also does it best to get them suitable jobs.

In the queue

NOW Keller waits me into a snappy American car, and we drive over to the "Influx and Registration Department."

Here a long queue of men is waiting to file inside. They get a medical check-up.

The zoo-suits, stetson hats, and rainbow ties seem to make talk of their chiefs incongruous.

A staff of 100 processes between 1,500 and 2,000 applicants a day when things are busy, checking their passports, finding them jobs, making sure that they are not sleeping somewhere inside Johannesburg where they shouldn't be.

That is supposed to be all against the rules for most Negro labourers, although around 10,000, mostly "flat boys" and maids, have permission to sleep up on the roofs of the big apartment blocks where they work.

Husband and wife. If their skins are black, rarely get any chance to live together here in Johannesburg. It just isn't allowed, and a Negro wishing to live a normal married life must make his home in one of those dreary "locations" I told you about—miles outside the city.

The rackets

THE inspection squad of the "Influx department" has its work cut out to try to keep up with the thousands of Negroes with the thousands of Negroes working down inside the Johannesburg urban area.

And there are the rackets. A forced passport, can sell for as high as £20. A shyster posing as a "registration book consultant" clears as much as £1,000 a month from his fellow Negroes who have been refused passports and come to him in desperation.

What are the jobs they seek so hopefully? They pay anything from £23 a week for unskilled men, £10 for skilled.

I was much struck by the atmosphere of the influx department—those 100 men, and women were clearly hardworking, and efficient, and they treated the Negroes with painstaking courtesy.

I sign off with a revelation which may puzzle Dr. Henrik Verwoerd, the extreme Minister for Native Affairs.

Of those 100 municipal officials, some were Negroes, and they sat shoulder to shoulder at the same tables with their white colleagues in perfect amity.

No separate cubicles for "Natives" and "Europeans" as in the case of the Johannesburg City Council.

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RUSSIANS AFFIRM PERMANENT CO-EXISTENCE IS IMPOSSIBLE

By WILFRED RYDER

BOTH Mr Attlee, during his visit to Moscow, and Sir William Hayter, British Ambassador, have asked Mr Malenkov: "Can the Soviet bloc and this West live in peace only for a time, or permanently?" It is a question of vital importance, for the new Soviet leaders constantly cry that co-existence is possible. But both men found Mr Malenkov evasive.

A Soviet best seller—"Political Economy"—which has just been issued, gives the answer. It is: "Peaceful co-existence is possible for a long time, but not for ever."

The book covers the whole field of political and economic theory. It is to serve as a work of reference and a textbook for Communists all over the world. It is the result of an overhaul of Communist theory which has taken years and produced major conflicts in the party, which Stalin personally had to settle.

Large crowds gathered outside Moscow bookshops to buy the new book when it was issued on September 15. Though the first printing was of 3,000,000 copies and copies were ample, there was not a single one left in any shop by the afternoon.

The Russian people queued for this first authoritative statement on Communist doctrine by their new leaders because they wanted to know whether it would offer any hope of lasting peace with the West. That alone would permit a major diversion of effort from Stalin's campaign to build heavy industry and armaments to another which would build light industry making consumer goods and so raise their standard of living.

NO CHANGE

"Political Economy" shows that there is to be no doctrinal change, that peace with the West is barely possible—and for a time only. It describes how the Soviet Union, East Europe, and China have split with the capitalist system. It predicts that other countries will do so as capitalism dies of internal conflicts—between capital and labour, between the various capitalist Powers, and between metropolitan and colonial territories. In this way will come "the victory of Socialism on a world scale."

It is conceded that this process will take time. During it, "peaceful co-existence" is possible and necessary.

Yet the book emphatically rejects the idea that capitalism can be left to die of its internal conflicts; on the contrary, it says the duty of Communism is to hasten the "historical process" of its disintegration.

During the period of co-existence, Soviet policy must exploit the internal conflicts of capitalism methodically, at all levels, and particularly through Communist parties and International Front organizations.

The book repeats Stalin's theory that war is inevitable between capitalist Powers. It will come from competition between them for ever-shrinking markets and fields of investment. On the other hand, the hope is held out that war between the capitalist and Socialist systems can be prevented, but only "if the people take the cause of peace into their own hands" and bring about the "fall of capitalism by means short of war."

The implication is that if these means fail, then there must be war, between Communist and capitalist Powers. It is a bleak prospect.

"Political Economy" thus merely reaffirms Stalin's main theses. Stalin himself is given full status as a theoretician alongside Marx, Engels, and Lenin. The principal arguments in his books are reproduced and there are many quotations from them; there are few from Malenkov, Khrushchev, or Molotov.

MORE CLEVER

Has there been no change then? There has, but only of men, not of theories. And the new men are more clever than Stalin. They avoid the mistakes he made—which pushed the West to rearm. He talked of peace and at the same time made war in Korea, and nearly through the Berlin blockade, in Germany. Their soft policy has made co-existence a reality. Their aims are the same as Stalin's but they make better use of the means.

What is the West's answer to "Political Economy"? It is that capitalism is by no means dead, and its internal conflicts will be settled peacefully, that it will proceed from strength to strength, to ever greater prosperity, and that this Com-

munist theories will be disproved.

The West believes that when Communist theories are proved wrong, the system on which they are based will disintegrate. Or else its masters will be forced to accept not merely a prolonged but a permanent state of peaceful co-existence. This will involve concessions by the Soviet bloc on the main problems which make co-existence impossible—in the Far East and in Europe, revision of the United Nations Charter, and disarmament.

But all the signs are that the time has not yet come for the West to seek concessions from the Soviet Union on these problems. For the Soviet leaders are not yet convinced that their theories are wrong. Indeed, they are not yet wrong, for the West is still weak. It has not yet found a solution to its internal conflicts. Germany is only beginning to rearm. The Manila Pact is yet in its infancy, and the Middle East link between it and NATO is still in the forge. Above all, the West has not yet found the new economic policy it is seeking.

And when the time comes to seek concessions from the Soviet Union, the West will be weak, and not in any one place but in all of them.

BILL TALBERT HAS PROVED HIMSELF A MATCH FOR HARRY HOPMAN

Record books tell us that at Sydney last month Tony Trabert and Vic Seixas won back the Davis Cup for America. They are right—up to a point. Each won a singles and, together, a doubles match against Australia's Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall.

But it was not only on court that America broke Australia's tennis monopoly. They scored a victory outside the field of play.

Each side had an back room player. Australia's was Harry Hopman. Few people know that he is a tennis player. He is a coach and a manager. He is a four-year-old man. He is a four-year-old man. He is a four-year-old man.

SHOCK VICTORY

Talbert planned Seixas's shock victory over Rosewall. Meet

Now he has met his match. At Sydney he was outsmarted by Bill Talbert, a 26-year-old American with a serious face and cropped hair style.

He was described as "the most complete player in the game." For Talbert's tennis comes from the book. He knows every page. And he has 21 American titles to prove it.

He has won many other major honours, singles and doubles, in Italy, France, Monte Carlo and Bermuda.

SEMI-INVALID

Ranson is that top-class athlete Talbert is semi-invalid, a diabetic. He can only play by injecting himself once or twice a day, depending on how much energy he uses. And in tournaments, like Wimbledon and the American national, which have trials of strength, Talbert cannot last the pace.

This injecting business is hazardous. Talbert finds it difficult to gauge the dose. Too much insulin causes blackouts. He has had six in a day.

Playing in the 1950 French Championships in Paris, he pumped in too much. He came on court suffering from a blackout. He could hardly recognise a forehead from a backhand.

He was soundly, but by a crowd, seeing some poor tennis and not knowing the reason. There were no boxes when Bill went on to win the match and take the French title.

Strange thing is that without diabetes, which has prevented him reaching the pinnacle in his career, Talbert would not have been a tennis player.

As a ten-year-old, the doctor advised him to take up the game to expend energy and burn up the extra sugar in his system.

He did that all right as a player. Now, as a non-playing captain, he has scorched Australia off the courts.

(London Express Service)

Two More Speed Skating Records Fall

Moscow, Jan. 12.

Soviet speed skaters have bettered five world records during the meeting at Alma Ata which ended today, according to Tass, the Soviet news agency.

Their latest successes were achieved on the final day when both the men's and women's 2,000 metres records were broken.

Yevgeny Grishin clocked 1 minute 22.8 seconds in the men's race to beat by 5.2 seconds the record held by G. Tumberg, Finland.

Four other skaters—two Russians and two Czechs—also beat the old record today but were below Grishin's mark.

Eight Russian skaters bettered the women's 1,000 metres record today. Best of them was Tamara Rylova, who yesterday beat the 500 metres world record. She clocked 1 minute 33.4 seconds, which was a 2.9 seconds advance on the previous record held by another Russian, Khaldia Schegoleva.—Reuter.

Reg Perks To Lead Worcestershire

Worcester, Jan. 13.

Reg Perks, 43-year-old first-medium bowler, has been appointed captain of the Worcestershire County Cricket side for next season in succession to R. B. Lind.

Perks, who is the first professional appointed to the Worcestershire captaincy, joined the County 24 years ago and has taken more than 2,000 wickets. Bird had asked the Committee not to be considered again as captain. He has been appointed joint captain of the County with E. E. Evans.—China Mail.

NEW JOB FOR JOE LOUIS



Former World Heavyweight Boxing Champion Joe Louis has signed a five-year contract to train the German Boxing Champion, Peter Mueller. Here he poses with Mueller in a fighting stance. The lady in the centre is only ornamental. —Agence France-Press Photo.

THE BEST OF 1954

Pat Smythe Challenges With A Record Jump

By DESMOND HACKETT

William Amrose Wright, captain courageous of England and Wolverhampton Wanderers, first gentleman of football, is proudly presented to you as my Sportsman of the Year for 1954.

There is the air of a knight in shining armour when Billy Wright goes into his football joustings. There is an enduring, endearing charm about his modesty and friendly spirit off the field. He remembers only the kindly things written about him.

While there are masters of sport who have had their blazing moments of glory and achievement in 1954, Billy Wright has filled every match with his energy and endeavour. And Wright, for all his tremendous success—he is England's most-capped player—has come up the hard way.

He is not a natural footballer. Since, as a fearful kid of 15, he was told by Major Frank Buckley he would have to go, he has rolled up his sleeves and battled on to become master of arts in the game he has decorated so richly.

Last year he has captained Wolves to the Football League Championship, and captained Russia's Spartak and Hungary's Honved to gain the unofficial club championship of Europe.

You tell him "Billy, that was a wonderful show." And he replies "Thanks. I am glad the lads did well." Never, "I did well" always his team.

BILLY WRIGHT It is a privilege to name you Sportsman of the Year. You are the Queen's Champion of Sport.

It was the same Billy Wright, brunt of courage and refusal to recognise danger of defeat that almost earned the 1954 award for my pin-up girl of sport, PAT SMYTHE, whose leap year of fame reached an Everest in November when she and the noble horse, Prince Hal, made a world record jump of 7ft. 2ins.

BUYING REJECTS Like Billy Wright, Miss Smythe has had the going hard all the way... unable to afford a decent horse or training facilities as a schoolgirl...

While Pat Smythe was leaping to her world record in Brussels, the athlete I most admire, Puff-Puff GORDON FRUE, was a few miles away making a comeback after a foot injury.

And this he did by running Josef Kovacs, conqueror of Emil Zatopek, into parchment-faced exhaustion.

Having thoroughly licked Kovacs over seven miles of rough, rugged country, Pirie coldly observed to the speechless, breathless rival: "Wasn't fast, was it?"

That's my boy... deliberate, determined... yes, and ruthless.

Football is Britain's No. 1 sporting entertainment, but no professional footballer has ever been honoured.

May I sincerely and humbly suggest that the name of Stanley Matthews be included in the New Year Honours list?

Nothing would bring greater joy to sportsmen all over the world than those simple words arise, Sir Stanley.

(London Express Service)

THE GAMBOLS



Bishop Auckland Reach Fourth Round Of The FA Cup

London, Jan. 12.

Bishop Auckland, a leading northern amateur side, swept into the fourth round of the English Football Association Cup Competition today.

They outplayed and outplayed their Division Two opponents, Ipswich Town, to win 3-0. The match was one of seven Third Round replays played today on frozen snow-covered pitches.

Bishop Auckland, seven times winners of the Amateur Cup, now have a great chance to make FA cup history by becoming the first amateur team to reach the fifth round.

The club, situated in the county of Durham, not far from Newcastle, next night York City, the other Third Round "giant killers" who, on Saturday, eliminated the former Cup holders, Blackpool.

Torquay United, lowly placed in the Third Division South, who provided a replay upset by topping Leeds United by four clear goals, despite the efforts of Welsh International centre-forward John Charles to rally the Division Two team.

The Devonshire side, who had lost their last six League games, scored in the first minute and never relaxed their grip.

A heavy snowstorm at Stoke caused the replay between Stoke and Bury to be abandoned eight minutes from the end of extra time with the teams still locked in a 1-1 draw.

It was ironic that the match started eight minutes late, Bury having been delayed by snow and icy roads on their bus journey.

When the teams replay the match, it will be their fifth meeting within a month as they were opposed in home and away Christmas League fixtures.

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Hong Kong, January 12, 1955.

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SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE HONG KONG

St. Georges Hall, 1955

The attention of Members and their guests attending the Annual Ball to be held at the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon on Friday, 14th January, 1955 is drawn to the following:-

1. Invitation Cards must be produced upon arrival.

2. A seating plan for dinner will be on view at the head of the Main Staircase.

3. Sitting-out tables will be reserved for all parties so far as is possible and notice boards will show the table numbers against the Host's names. It is particularly requested that Hosts ensure that their guests use the table allocated.

4. For the convenience of Members and their guests Late Ferries have been arranged as set out below:-

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GERMANY HOPES FOR CHINA TRADE PACT

Cologne, Jan. 12.

The "Eastern Committee of German Trade," an organisation of firms interested in trade with Communist countries, hopes to be able to conclude a trade agreement with China soon, an official of the organisation stated at a recent meeting of the Committee's chief executive committee.

A report on the meeting was published by the West German economic news agency, VWD, today.

The head of the China section of the Committee Herr H. Koehler, said the section had drafted the text of agreements with China which, he added, could soon be discussed with Chinese representatives.

He said the embargo lists for goods shipment to China, which were even more stringent than those for other Eastern Communist countries were badly in need of reform. The Committee was trying to have them reduced to the extent of embargo lists for shipments to other Communist countries.

UNLOADING CLAUSE

He said the clause allowing German ships only to load at Chinese ports but not to unload goods should also be revised.

Ex-U.K. Envoy Proposed Saar Commissioner

Bonn, Jan. 12.

West Germany and France will propose a retired British ambassador to be nominated first neutral High Commissioner of the industrial Saar territory, usually well informed diplomatic circles said today. His name was not revealed.

It was understood that this was agreed in Franco-German conversations here last week. The name will be submitted for final approval to Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the German Chancellor, and M. Pierre Mendès France, the French Prime Minister, for confirmation at their Baden Baden meetings on Friday.

The actual appointment is to be made by the Council of Ministers of the projected Western European Union when this is constituted.

The duties of the High Commissioner as laid down in the Paris-Saar agreement of last October, are to direct the foreign affairs and defence matters of the Saar territory and to enforce the Saar statute. He will be responsible to the Council of Ministers.—Reuter.

The Eastern Committee, formed under the patronage of the West German Association of Industries, has the support of the Government, which maintains no diplomatic or official trade relations with Soviet bloc countries or China.

Herr Otto Wolff von Amerongen, speaking for the section, Soviet Russia, said preparatory work for future trade agreement with Russia had proceeded, even though members of the section had cancelled their planned trip to Moscow following a request by the Federal authorities.

He said texts covering delivery and payments had been drafted and positive lists of goods—that is, goods not on the embargo lists—drawn up.

According to figures given at the meeting, German exports to Soviet bloc countries, China and Hongkong, increased in the first nine months of 1954 by 9.3 per cent to a value of about £29,907,000.

Imports during the same period rose by 20.9 per cent.

CHIEF BUYER

Chief buyer of German exports was Hungary with 71,500,000 marks worth of goods, followed by China 61,400,000 and Poland with 51,100,000. Russia bought 34,600,000 marks worth of German goods.

China was chief supplier with 107,200,000 marks worth of goods.—Reuter.

China Exhibits Draw Crowds In Singapore

Singapore, Jan. 12.

The attendance at a small exhibition of Communist Chinese products, organised here by the Bank of China three months ago, has risen to such an extent that the organisers have announced plans to increase the variety of exhibits by at least five times.

The exhibition is being held at the bank's premises in the heart of Singapore's business district with the aim of "promoting interest in products from the China mainland in Malaya."

While only a few attended the exhibition during the first few weeks after its opening, the attendance has now increased to at least 100 a day.

An official of the Communist-controlled bank said that through the exhibition more than 100 Malayan firms had written to Chinese manufacturers.

MOST INQUIRIES

Goods on which most of the inquiries were received were wire nails, galvanised wires, and corrugated sheets and some shipments had already been effected.

Textiles, especially cotton yarn, canned foods and soybeans also have interested many Malayan companies. Other exhibits include: wood carvings, tea sets, Swatow porcelain, paintings, cigarettes, musical instruments, sports goods, fishing rods, varnishes, soap, fountain pens and pencils, Chinese brushes, minerals, plastic goods, peas and beans, alcohol, wood, tea, and vegetable oils.

The bank's branches in Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Indonesia are said to be conducting publicity campaigns for Chinese Communist products.—France Press.

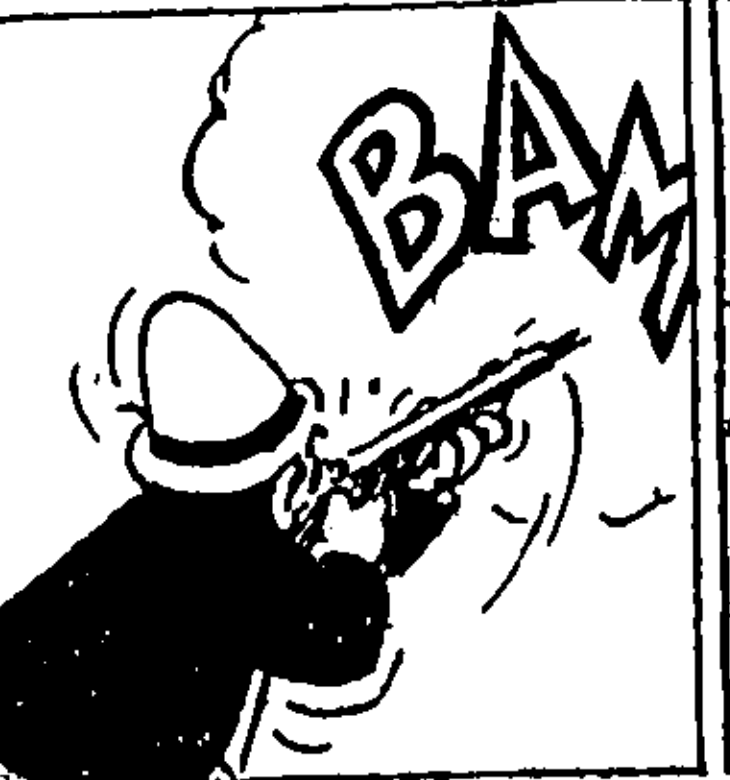
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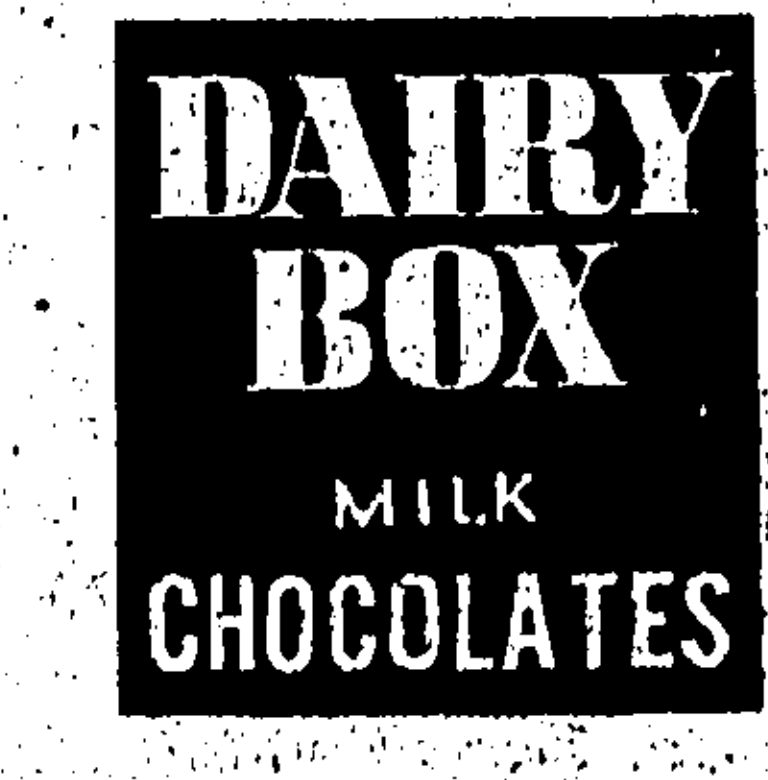
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Prime Minister Nasser's car drives through Kena during his inspection of the flooded area. About 500 houses were destroyed and 4,000 people rendered homeless as a result of the recent torrential rains at Kena, in Upper Egypt, where a wide area was flooded to a depth of three feet. The homeless were accommodated in mosques and schools. Express Photo.

BALKAN PARIS HAS LOST ITS GAIETY

The Rumanian people, according to travellers who reached Vienna recently from Bucharest, are in despair.

Poverty-stricken, police-ridden, despoiled of the natural wealth of their land, the travellers say, Rumanians hope only for one thing—war. For in their despair, they believe that only war can bring them liberation.

From the travellers' accounts, it is clear that the Rumanian people are in a state of despair. They are tired of the constant police presence and the loss of their natural wealth. They believe that only war can bring them the liberation they desire.

She is not at all from the Balkan world, as many of the "Iron Curtain" which divides Europe from the Balkans to the Balkans along the western frontiers of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Bulgaria, but also by a secondary curtain, which the travellers describe as far more formidable than the first and which runs along the border between Hungary and Rumania.

This second curtain has a broad freshly ploughed strip of land on each side. It is the Rumanian people, who are the main reason for the existence of this curtain. They are the ones who have been the most heavily burdened by the war, and they are the ones who have been the most heavily burdened by the war.

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But in August 1953, the Prime Minister of Rumania, Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej, announced a new policy of de-centralization of industry. This policy was aimed at reducing the concentration of industry in the capital, Bucharest, and spreading it throughout the country. This was a significant step towards decentralization, but it was not enough to satisfy the Rumanian people.

In 1952, there was a struggle for power within the Rumanian Communist Party. Ana Pauker, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, was a powerful figure in the party. She was a member of the Politburo and had been a member of the party since its formation. She was a powerful figure in the party, and she was a member of the Politburo. She was a powerful figure in the party, and she was a member of the Politburo.

This new policy announced in August 1953 has so far had little success, as was shown by the postponement of the second session of the Rumanian Communist Party Congress. This session was supposed to be held in the autumn of 1954, but it has been postponed to the autumn of 1955. This is a sign that the Rumanian people are not satisfied with the current policy.

Vasile Luca, deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Metallurgical Industries, stated in a recent speech that the Congress would be held only when the Government had mobilized all State and civil organs for the successful fulfilment of urgent agricultural tasks. This is a sign that the Rumanian people are not satisfied with the current policy.

FILIPINO-U.S. TRADE

No Mention Made Of Agreement By The President

Washington, Jan. 12.

President Eisenhower's failure to mention the proposed new Filipino-American trade agreement in his foreign trade message to Congress strengthened the belief that he will mention that accord in a separate communication later on.

The draft agreement negotiated by the Laurel Mission late last year is understood to have gone already to the Budget Bureau. The Bureau has circulated it to interested executive agencies.

Since these agencies were represented on the United States negotiating team, this step was expected and many favorable replies were expected. The White House might therefore be in a position to issue a statement to Congress around the first of next month.

Meanwhile, although the President did not mention the Philippines in his proposed Filipino-American agreement, it would appear to be in line with the American foreign trade policy of "enlightened self-interest" advocated by the President.

The Philippines might well have been one of the countries the President had in mind when he said United States self-interest demanded economic strengthening of allied nations and a furthering of the economic growth of underdeveloped areas in general.

NOTABLE EXCEPTION

Observers could not help noting that Filipino-American trade relations are the most notable exception to the Eisenhower-backed United States policy of reciprocal trade with all nations on an equal basis, and that this would continue to be true under the proposed new agreement.

The fact figured to some extent in the attitudes of certain executive agencies on the Filipino-American trade question. But while it may come up for some mention in Capitol Hill, Congress, regarding which a special revision is justified in the case of the struggling young republic which was a long-time United States ward—United Press.

Other hesitant traders saw they preferred to watch the action of securities and other commodity markets, as well as the rate of producer importations under the loan programme. After re-sawing within a given-point range, the list opened off 1 to 1 point. Opening prices were add 3 to 6 points. New Orleans closed up 1 to 1 point.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

| Month | Volume | Open Interest |
|-------|---------|---------------|
| Jan. | 40,000 | 801,000 |
| Feb. | 35,000 | 710,000 |
| Mar. | 30,000 | 620,000 |
| Apr. | 25,000 | 530,000 |
| May | 20,000 | 440,000 |
| June | 15,000 | 350,000 |
| July | 10,000 | 260,000 |
| Aug. | 5,000 | 170,000 |
| Sept. | 5,000 | 80,000 |
| Oct. | 5,000 | 50,000 |
| Nov. | 5,000 | 20,000 |
| Dec. | 5,000 | 10,000 |
| Total | 135,000 | 2,003,000 |

NEW YORK
Prices of futures closed today as follows:

| Spot | 35.00 |
|------|-------|
| May | 34.87 |
| July | 34.75 |
| Oct. | 34.62 |
| Dec. | 34.50 |
| Mar. | 34.37 |
| May | 34.25 |

NEW ORLEANS
Prices of futures closed today as follows:

| Spot | 34.15 |
|------|-------|
| May | 34.02 |
| July | 33.89 |
| Oct. | 33.76 |
| Dec. | 33.63 |
| Mar. | 33.50 |
| May | 33.37 |

LIVERTHOL
Cotton closings, American middling 15/16 inch, in pence per lb. were as follows:

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|--|------------|
| March/April | 32.40 | 30-day futures | 2.78 1/2 |
| May/June | 32.26 | Canadian dollar rate: | |
| July/Aug. | 32.10 | Buyers | Sellers |
| Oct./Nov. | 32.11 | Spot: close ... | 1.03 1/2 |
| Dec./Jan. | 32.11 | " high ... | 1.03 1/2 |
| Official values for spot cottons | | " low ... | 1.03 10/16 |
| include: | | Future: 30-day | 1.03 0/16 |
| American middling 15/16th inch | 32.90 | " " | |

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1955.

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Questions On A Marriage Anniversary Document

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF QUIE CONTINUES AT THE SUPREME COURT

Mr Joseph L. Quie, who is suing three Government doctors for damages, denied under cross-examination at the hearing at the Supreme Court this morning that a document he gave to his wife in 1948 "was the sort of document that would be drawn up by a person who is mentally unbalanced."

Plaintiff explained that the document was a kind of certificate of marriage to commemorate 21 years of married life which he drew up himself, but which was not meant to be taken seriously.

The claim against the three doctors is being heard before Mr Justice T. J. Gould, Acting Chief Justice, and a Jury of three men and four women.

The claim is for \$250,000 damages for alleged injury to himself from the defendants' alleged negligence in connection with his devotion to a mental home for observation of the plaintiff as being of unsound mind and his consequential confinement in a mental home.

Dr. F. H. M. Yip, of the Mental Hospital, Dr. S. H. Moore, of the Medical Department, and Dr. A. J. S. McKinnon, of Queen Mary Hospital.

Mr John McNeill, QC, Mr R. W. S. Winter and Mr Lawrence Lesing are representing the plaintiff instructed by Mr M. A. de Silva.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, and Mr J. C. McRobert, Crown Counsel, are representing the defendants.

THE DOCUMENT
The amount of damages include \$130,831.88 as general damages and \$119,168.12 as special damages.

Regarding his cross-examination of Mr Quie, Mr Blair-Kerr showed him a document, and plaintiff agreed that was his signature on it. He agreed further that he gave that document to his wife in 1948, but that it was in the sense of a joke.

Asked to relate under what circumstances he made out that document, plaintiff said he had occasion to speak to Mr Clark, and he (plaintiff) thought he

REFERENCE TO KING

Mr Blair-Kerr then referred to a reference in the document to His Majesty The King refraining to "exercise his powers of disallowance..." Asked what his intention was in using these words, Mr Quie told the Court that, as he had said before, it was just part of the joke, he was just trying to make out an official commemoration of 21 years of married life.

Asked what he meant by the term in the document, "... 21 years of solid achievement..." plaintiff said he and his wife had a family.

Senior Crown Counsel: And what do you mean by "solid achievement?"

Plaintiff: I mean to say I was not an ideal husband, I had been drinking.

Questioned further, he said he had been drinking since the end

of the war, from 1946 to the end of 1951. He had approximately one bottle of whiskey a day. Besides, he had been unfaithful to her, he added.

"MY INFIDELITY"
Mr Blair-Kerr: "These eventual years of anxiety and uncertainty..." What caused your wife this anxiety and uncertainty?

Plaintiff: My infidelity I suppose.

In view of these things, then, Mrs Helen Quie is commended for her loyal and unflinching faith in mankind. What had you in mind when you wrote that?—As I said, it was a commemoration of our 21 years of marriage. I wanted something to commemorate it.

In other words, you say that in spite of all the trials and tribulations you caused her, she still had an unflinching faith in mankind, including yourself?—Yes.

TOLERANT? YES
"In her tolerance and fortitude in time of adversity..." She was always tolerant towards you?—Yes.

Replying to questions, Mr Quie said he had had no affairs in 1948, and was living with his wife then. He intended to reform, up to the time when he asked her to leave the house.

Senior Crown Counsel: So far as drinking was concerned, you did not manage to reform.

Mr Quie: No. But so far as being unfaithful was concerned, you did.—Yes.

TITO ARRIVES IN NEW DELHI



Prime Minister Nehru introduces India's three Service Chiefs to Marshal Tito, after the latter's arrival in New Delhi. Marshal Tito, on an 18-day visit, travelled by train from Bombay and was greeted on arrival by the Indian President Rajendra Prasad and Prime Minister Nehru.—London Express Photo.

JUDGE REFUSES TO CUT BICYCLE THIEF'S 33 MONTHS' SENTENCE

"I only stole three bicycles and 13 chickens," pleaded Liu To-leung before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg in the Appeal Court this morning, when asked what he had to advance as grounds for his application for a reduction of sentence.

Liu was sentenced to terms totalling 33 months' hard labour by Mr T. Creedon on charges of burglary in a dwelling, simple larceny and house-breaking with intent.

A co-accused, Liu Kwai-hung, was given 30 months on similar charges. He also appealed against his sentence and said if it was reduced he would not commit another offence.

His Lordship, dismissing both applications, said that neither had advanced any reasons why their sentences should be reduced.

AN OVERSIGHT?
Two other men, Chi Cheung and Lee Keung, sentenced by Mr G. R. Sneath to a total of eight months' hard labour and a fine of \$50 or 10 days on charges of obstructing the Police, resisting arrest and smoking opium in a divan, appealed against their sentences.

His Lordship observed to Crown Counsel, Mr D. F. O. Mayne, that two other men concerned in the same case had had their sentences reviewed and reduced, and said he could not understand why this had not been so in the case of the second appellant. It could have been an oversight on the Magistrate's part, he added. As for first appellant, he had three previous convictions, so it was understandable his sentence was not reviewed.

Mr Mayne said a number of men were smoking opium in a hut and refused to open the door which eventually had to be broken down. A furious struggle ensued, during which some of the inmates escaped. He commented he would be surprised if the inmates did not know where he was breaking in.

Dismissing first appellant's application, His Lordship reduced the sentence on second appellant to three months' hard labour (the same as in the case of the men who had their sentences reviewed) to date from December 13, 1954.

APPEAL DISMISSED
An appeal by Chan Kwong against a sentence of nine months' hard labour passed by Mr Sneath for dealing in dangerous drugs and possession of heroin was dismissed.

Appellant asked for a reduction of sentence on the grounds that he had an 80-year-old mother, a wife and family to support.

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Mr C. L. Hodge of the American delegation left by Northwest Airlines for the U.S.A.

ECAFE DELEGATES LEAVE

The exodus of overseas delegates who have been attending the ECAFE trade conference here began this morning.

Dr P. S. Lokanathan, Executive Secretary of ECAFE, and some members of delegations from the United States, United Kingdom, Malaya, Indonesia and Pakistan left by air for home.

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STOP PRESS

Incident Denied

Taipei, Jan. 12. United States authorities denied American warships were ever involved in the shooting of Chinese Communist planes 60 miles south of Taiwan, as reported by Chinese correspondents. "We don't believe there is any truth in it," they said.—Reuter.

New Post For Former Police Commissioner



MR D. W. MACINTOSH

Mr D. W. Macintosh, former Commissioner of Police in Hongkong, has accepted a post as adviser to the Iraqi Police. It was learned this morning.

He retired from Hongkong late in 1953.

11 'Spies' Executed In Red China

Eleven out of 23 Chinese who were sentenced for alleged "espionage activities" against Communist China by the Kwangtung People's High Court were executed on Tuesday, according to a local pro-Communist journal which carried a Canton report today.

Others were given life imprisonment or shorter prison terms; and two of them who had surrendered themselves were set free, said the same report.

The report alleged that many of these "spies" were enrolled by an American espionage organization, "Free China Movement" in Hongkong.

They were then transferred to Salpan Island or Japan for training. It also said that they were sponsored by the Central Intelligence Office of the United States.

Six of them, including those trained by the Nationalist Government in Formosa were airdropped to Mal Hsien, Oon Yuen, and Hainan Island by "American aeroplanes without any markings," during April and May 1952, the same report said.

The report said that 37 of them were killed on the spot when they returned fire when being rounded up.

Army Driver Cautioned

Mr Thomas Tam, Magistrate at Central, this morning gave a soldier driver of a Military lorry the option of paying \$80 in compensation to the complainant in a traffic mishap or spending 14 days in gaol.

The defendant, driver Kwok Tik-shing of 56 Coy RASC, was cautioned and discharged for failure to give due consideration to other road users. The Magistrate ordered that his driving licence be endorsed.

Loung Kuan, the complainant, told the Court that he was a tri-cycle driver. About 8.30 a.m. on October 23 last year, he was carrying a load of Chinese sauce on his vehicle travelling along Queen's Road East in a westerly direction.

As he neared the first corner of the S-shaped bend after passing HMS Tamar his tri-cycle was side-swiped by a military vehicle while overtaking him.

The complainant continued that as a result both he and his tri-cycle were thrown onto the pavement causing slight injuries to himself and extensive damage to the goods.

Mr Mayne drew the Court's attention to a point in the Magistrate's depositions. He said there did not appear to have been exhibited any certificate from the Government Analyst to show what the contents of the two tins were.

There also appeared to be a break in the chain of evidence, there being no evidence to show how the contents of the tins got to the Analyst or whether the contents were the same as those mentioned in the certificate produced.

"Without the chain of evidence, it seems to me that the Crown has failed to establish that there was a dangerous drug in relation to either of the charges," said Crown Counsel.

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JOHN CLARK'S CASEBOOK

AN AWFUL MORNING

A SMALL boy was playing in the grey London street that served as his nursery when the weather was dry. In his small hand the boy held something that glinted and shone in the meagre light of the winter sky. A passing policeman noticed.

"What's that you've got there, son?" he asked the boy.

"It's this," the boy held up a silver cigarette-case.

"Hmmm. Where did you get that?" It was a poor part of the town. Not many people had silver cigarette-cases.

REALLY
"ME mum gave it me," the child said, sensing calamity and beginning to be frightened.

He handed the cigarette-case to the policeman, who opened it. Inside a message was engraved.

"From..." An address followed that was a long way removed geographically and socially from the grey street.

"I'd like to hear about this," the policeman said. He asked the small boy to take him to his mother. The boy did as he was bid.

The sight of her son with a policeman in tow shook the boy's mother. She thought he must be in some kind of trouble.

She was almost relieved when the policeman explained that his interest was in the cigarette-case.

MUMMY, MUMMY
"Oh that," she said. "Yes, I picked it up in the street in the West End years ago."

"Christmas time it was. Yes, I remember exactly. I was Christmas shopping."

"It brought it home and put it in a drawer for safety. I meant to hand it in somewhere. Then I forgot."

The explanation was not good enough for the officer.

The other day the mother, whose name was Alice, was shown into the Clerkswell court to answer a summons against her for stealing by finding the silver cigarette-case.

She pleaded guilty and was heard so pleading, though a small boy's strident cries from outside made that difficult.

"Mummy, mummy, mummy," the small boy cried.

The usher, a police-inspector and a woman police-constable hurried away to offer service as baby-sitter.

ONE or other of them had enough talent or strength of will to silence the child, and the story of Alice's crime was told to the magistrate, Mr. T. F. Davis.

The defendant found the case at 40, Albany Street, W.1, in December, 1954," said a police officer.

"She is a woman of good character, 37 years old, married to a man in the Merchant Navy. He allows her £5.5s. a week."

"Her rent is 35s. 4d. She has three children of her own and two step-children."

The magistrate was examining the cigarette-case. "Has the owner been traced?" he asked. The answer was no.

Nor had the donor been found. He or she had left the address that was engraved on the case.

TRAY-KING CHILDREN
ALICE had nothing to say, but a yawn that she was sorry and had never meant to steal.

"You must understand," said the magistrate, "that you've got to bring up your children to be honest."

He picked up the cigarette-case again. This is not very valuable," he said, "but it might mean a lot to someone. I shall discharge you absolutely. You must pay 5s. costs."

Alice moved to slip away. As she went, the magistrate said: "And train your children to do better, will you?"

Alice nodded, absent-mindedly, and hurried away. Her boy was trying for her again.

To the court, the case was strict routine. To the small boy the morning had been awful.

Dr Lokanathan To Speak Over Radio
At 7.10 this evening Radio Hongkong will broadcast an interview by Timothy Black of Dr P. S. Lokanathan, Executive Secretary of ECAFE, who has been here for a week for the trade conference which closes tomorrow.

Interviews and published by WILLIAM ALAN GIBSON, Editor of the "China Mail," at 11, Wyndham Street, C.Y. 2, Hongkong.

EVENTS AFTER 1940

Do you see anything peculiar in this document? No. Both of us had a sense of humour in a way it wasn't comic or funny, but it was something that our eyes took back on through the years and smile.

You think it was a first-class joke? Not a joke. But it was not meant to be a serious document either; it was to show my appreciation that she could put up with me.

Plaintiff added that he gave his wife a wrist watch together with the document.

NORMA ACT?
Mr Blair-Kerr: Would you say that is the normal act of a repentant husband?

Plaintiff: I have been telling you it is a commemoration.

She will say it was no joke at all. It was handed to her in all seriousness—it was witnessed by Mr Clark, a J. P.

I'll have something to say to that later. What was her reaction?—She was quite pleased.

Mr Quie went on to say that Mr Clark was not present at this time. Some of his sons were present, as far as he could remember.

Mr Blair-Kerr: So, in 1955, you see nothing unusual in this document at all.

NOTHING UNUSUAL
Mr Quie: I can recall why it was drawn up, but I see nothing unusual.

I am putting it to you that this is the sort of document that would be drawn up by a person who is mentally unbalanced, even in 1948.—I don't agree.

Mr Blair-Kerr then turned to events in 1940. Questioned, Mr Quie agreed that during that year he came back from his mistress to live in the house at Hornumlin. He suggested to his wife that in view of the political situation at the time she should go to Malaya.

At the time there was an evacuation of European women and children from Hongkong. His wife and family and his mother left for Malaya in the summer of 1940.

In reply to questions, plaintiff said that in 1941, he lived with another woman until his mobilisation. He sent his wife 70 per cent of his salary. He was mobilised with the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, and was interned at Shumshupo Camp. He remained there until about March 1942.

KNEW ACTRESS
A Plaintiff agreed that he knew a certain actress about that time. She did not assist him in his escape from the Camp, but he went to stay with her after

that, until the time he left Hongkong. He went to Free China and India through Kunming, and enlisted with the Gloucester Regiment in Calcutta.

Under more questioning, Mr Quie said he became orderly sergeant in the Battalion Office, so that he saw all Army orders and instructions that came to him. He said he did not see any orders that said a person who escaped from a POW Camp was entitled to a Military Medal.

If there had been such an order, he was in a position to see it.

Plaintiff agreed that he knew the difference between campaign star and a decoration like the Military Medal. He had told this to Dr Moore.

A NEW ORDER
Mr Blair-Kerr told him that he had said before that he had the general impression that everyone who escaped was entitled to a Military Medal.

Mr Quie replied that what he said was that the administrative officer in his unit had told him that he thought new orders had come out that a POW who escaped was entitled to the Military Medal.

Mr Blair-Kerr: I put it to you that no administrative officer told you that.

Plaintiff: I said I had no access to new orders and instructions for nine months.

Mr Quie went on to say in reply to questions that he went to officers' training school, and was later attached to Intelligence Censorship at Calcutta. He obtained his release from Calcutta in December 1954 and was flown to Hongkong, where he rejoined his firm. He saw his wife and family again in 1947.

DREADFUL CHANGE
Mr Blair-Kerr: She will say she found a dreadful change in you when she came from Malaya. Can you tell us in what way she came to that conclusion?

Plaintiff: No, I suppose that was drinking.

She will say that as a result of your drinking you began to be very domineering and more of a bully. Would that be a fair estimate of your character?—I would not say so.

NEVER DOMINEERING
Would you say she was exaggerating, or untrue?—Definitely exaggerating. I was never a domineering type or a bully in that sense.

She will say you had fits of weeping and related your sorrows

childhood.—It was not the truth.

What kind of childhood did you have?—Certainly it was not sordid.

Hearing is continuing.

Violent Tremor At Messina

Messina, Sicily, Jan. 12. A violent earth tremor shook this city and the Italian mainland city of Calabria directly across the Straits of Messina, at 4.04 p.m. GMT today.

No casualties were reported. Scenes of near panic were reported in cinemas and crowded public places in Messina as the sharp shock shattered window panes and started overhead lights swinging crazily back and forth.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"She's a pretty girl all right—but I was hoping you'd pick out some old-fashioned type like your mother!"